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pretty plain. I don't think that anybody would say that the Legislature doesn't have complete control of the money which is appropriated to the university from general revenues. Now, when it comes from other areas, that's up for interpretation. So I think what...what we're doing here is acceptable and I think it's legal to do it, but I want to make sure and I...hopefully, Senator Chambers, our exchange has been such that the message here is that's additional monies that will be gone after and used to try to hire these people, but also the study is to what problems they're going to run into. Because if Kearney is going to have problems, quite frankly, I want to know about it ahead of time of what problems they're going to have in finding minority instructors, administrators I would hope as well. The Hispanic population is growing on campus. There's got to be some changes and needs met there. It may be hard to find...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: ...quickly, but that's the reason I think that the issue is here now and not at...and we're not going to wait till the end of five years and say you didn't do it. We want to see things occur as it goes along. The study I would support that we do. We could put in an interim study but, quite frankly, those are a dime a dozen, and this probably raises and elevates that study to a little more serious nature and one that I would support that would happen. I know my time is short. I don't know if there are other lights on. This amendment basically goes to 1.5 instead of 3.6. I don't know...I don't know where the mood of the body lies, but this is at a level that I could support and would hope that you would too. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. We are discussing the Kristensen amendment to the Chambers amendment to LB 1217 and there are other lights on, and those are Senators Chambers, Wehrbein, Bourne, Brashear, and Bohlke. Senator Chambers, on the Kristensen amendment to your amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senators Suttle and Kristensen raised a valid point. If this amount, \$3.6 million, were earmarked in this fashion what would they do with it? It may be too large an amount, so what I could